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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I chose a broadband provider because of its customer service, reliability and competitive cost that AT&T, Verizon, Comcast and other large telecoms won't provide.

AT&T's recent action is proof that telecom competition is currently inadequate. AT&T promised to lower the cost of their DirecTV service after their merger with Time Warner, yet they raised their prices.

Comcast raises their rates annually without improving their customer service because they can. They have a monopoly in their service area, and customers have no choice but to pay.

USTelecom's recent petition to dismantle the 1996 Telecommunications Act is a self-serving act to remove competition and consumer choice and increase their profits. The large broadband providers such as AT&T simply don't care about customers or service.

The FCC must improve and increase telecom competition, not reduce it.

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